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Farmers will soon have the opportunity to set the record straight about the issues that affect them – and to help ensure that policies and programs are based on accurate, real-world data. This is the goal of the annual Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS), conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beginning December 27, NASS field offices will contact approximately 35,000 farmers nationwide by mail or phone to complete the survey. Producers will be asked to provide data on their operating expenditures, production costs and household characteristics.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR CORN AND SOYBEANS UP

Prices received by Minnesota farmers for Corn for November averaged \$4.20 per bushel, an increase of \$0.25 from the October price. Soybeans were up \$0.81, to a November price of \$10.50 per bushel.

The all hog price for November was \$48.40 per cwt., a decrease of \$6.50 from the October price. The all beef cattle price for November was \$88.90 per cwt., an increase of \$0.60 from the October price.

The all milk price for November, at \$17.70 per cwt., was down \$1.20 from October.

The preliminary U.S. All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November, at 159 percent, based on 1990-92=100, was up 4 points from October. The Crop Index is up 9 points, and the Livestock Index increased 1 point.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity And Unit	U.S. Nov 2010 1/	-----Minnesota-----		
		Nov 2009 2/	Oct 2010 2/	Nov 2010 1/
Barley, Feed & Malting, bu	3.76	3/	3.42	3/
Beans, Dry Edible, All, cwt	24.30	30.50	28.50	29.00
Corn, bu	4.59	3.57	3.95	4.20
Hay, All, Baled, ton	111.00	88.00	103.00	102.00
Alfalfa, Baled, ton	117.00	110.00	110.00	110.00
Other, Baled, ton	95.50	70.00	65.00	70.00
Oats, bu	2.57	1.98	2.19	2.30
Potatoes, cwt	7.65	7.45	6.70	3/
Soybeans, bu	11.20	9.32	9.69	10.50
Sunflowers, All, cwt	20.30	19.10	21.90	3/
Wheat, All, bu	6.21	4.76	5.72	5.73
Calves, cwt	122.00	105.00	123.00	124.00
Cattle, All Beef, cwt 4/	94.10	71.70	88.30	88.90
Cows, cwt, 5/	51.90	44.60	57.00	55.10
Steers & Heifers, cwt	100.00	82.60	96.50	97.80
Milk Cows, head 6/	--	--	1,280.00	--
Hogs, All, cwt	47.20	41.70	54.90	48.40
Barrows & Gilts, cwt	47.40	41.70	54.90	48.40
Sows, cwt	42.70	36.00	49.00	42.60
Lambs, cwt 7/	--	97.70	146.00	--
Sheep, cwt 7/	--	37.30	52.00	--
Milk, All, cwt	17.90	16.20	18.90	17.70

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Entire month data. 3/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms. 4/ "cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published in Jan., Apr., Jul., and Oct. 7/ Preliminary prices discontinued Jan. 1996.

U.S. INDEX SUMMARY (1990-92 = 100)

Item	Oct 2009	Nov 2009	Oct 2010	Nov 2010
Prices Received	134	136	155	159
Prices Paid (Interest, Taxes, Wage Rates)	177	178	186	188
Parity Ratio 1/	76	76	83	85

1/ Computed by dividing Prices Received Index by Prices Paid Index.

U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED (1990-92 = 100)

Commodities	Nov 2009 1/	Oct 2010 1/	Nov 2010 2/
All Farm Products	136	155	159
Crops	154	168	177
Meat Animals	104	124	123
Dairy Products	118	142	137
Poultry & Eggs	137	150	161

* Revised. 1/ Entire month data. 2/ Preliminary.

HIRED WORKERS UNCHANGED IN LAKE REGION; WAGE UP 64 CENTS FROM ONE YEAR AGO

Lake Region: There were 67,000 workers hired directly by farms in the Lake Region (Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin) the week of October 10-16, 2010. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$11.88 per hour during the October 2010 survey week, up \$0.64 cents from October 2009. The number of hours worked averaged 37.5 for hired workers during the survey week, compared with 38.0 hours in October 2009. In Minnesota, part of the Lake Region, there were 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork during the week, compared to 1.6 days during the 2009 reference week. Weekly temperatures were 5.8 degrees above normal statewide and no measurable precipitation was recorded across most of the state.

United States: There were 1,157,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of October 10-16, 2010, up 4 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 826,000 were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 331,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.13 per hour during the October 2010 reference week, up \$0.20 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.49 per hour, up \$0.27 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$10.27 per hour compared with \$10.28 a year earlier.

WORKERS ON FARMS, HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, AND WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS, LAKE REGION AND UNITED STATES, OCTOBER 2010						
	Lake Region ^{1/}			United States ^{2/}		
	October 11-17 2009	July 11-17 2010	October 10-16 2010	October 11-17 2009	July 11-17 2010	October 10-16 2010
Workers on Farms Hired Workers ^{3/}	1,000 Workers					
	67	64	67	829	885	826
Hours Worked Hired Workers ^{3/}	Hours Per Week					
	38.0	34.4	37.5	39.0	40.7	41.7
Workers By Work	Dollars Per Hour					
Field	11.03	11.09	11.58	10.22	10.09	10.49
Livestock	10.10	9.47	10.06	10.28	10.15	10.27
Field & Livestock	10.65	10.45	11.05	10.24	10.11	10.43
All Workers ^{3/}	11.24	11.10	11.88	10.93	10.79	11.13

1/ Lake Region = Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin.
2/ Excludes Alaska.
3/ Excludes agricultural service workers.

WORLD AGRICULTURAL SUPPLY AND DEMAND ESTIMATES

COARSE GRAINS: U.S. feed grain supplies for 2010/11 are virtually unchanged, as a small increase in corn imports is offset by a reduction in barley imports, both reflecting feed grain production changes for Canada this month. U.S. corn imports are raised 5 million bushels with record production reported for Canada. U.S. corn ending stocks are raised accordingly. Barley imports are lowered 5 million bushels with lower production in Canada and the slow pace of imports to date. U.S. barley food, seed, and industrial use is lowered the same amount as domestic beer consumption remains weak slowing demand for malting barley. The projected marketing-year average price received by U.S. corn producers is unchanged this month at \$4.80 to \$5.60 per bushel. Farm prices for barley and oats are both projected slightly lower based on prices received by producers to date.

Global coarse grain production for 2010/11 is increased 3.4 million tons with corn production up 2.2 million tons, barley production up 0.6 million tons, and oats production up 0.4 million tons. India corn production is raised 1.0 million tons as the extended monsoon increased late-season soil moisture for the summer corn crop. The same conditions boosted harvested area for millet, adding 0.3 million tons to India production. Australia barley and oats production are raised 1.9 million tons and 0.5 million tons, respectively, both on higher reported yields. The latest official statistics from Canada indicated mostly offsetting production changes for coarse grains. Canada corn production is raised 0.7 million tons as favorable weather boosted corn yields in Ontario and Quebec. Canada barley production is lowered 0.6 million tons with lower area and yields in the western prairies. Corn production is raised 0.5 million tons for Ukraine and 0.4 million tons for EU-27. Small offsetting reductions are made this month for Paraguay corn, Ukraine barley and oats, and Russia barley and rye.

LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, AND DAIRY: The forecast of total U.S. meat production is raised for 2010 and 2011. Forecasts for 2010 beef, pork, broilers and turkeys are raised, reflecting high slaughter levels during the fourth quarter and higher weights for hogs and broilers. For 2011, production forecasts for beef, pork, and broilers are increased. The beef production increase largely reflects higher forecast placements of cattle during the fourth quarter of 2010 and early 2011. Pork production is raised from last month on slightly higher slaughter. Broiler production is forecast higher as hatchery data indicate continued large egg sets and poultry placements during the fourth quarter of 2010. The turkey production forecast for 2011 is unchanged from last month. The egg production forecast is lowered slightly in 2010 but is unchanged for 2011.

Trade forecasts for 2010 are adjusted, largely reflecting third quarter data. However, beef imports are lowered for both late 2010 and early 2011 as exportable supplies of beef for several U.S. suppliers are expected to be relatively tight. Beef exports are raised for 2011 as improved economic growth in major export markets is expected to stimulate sales. Pork exports for 2010 are reduced as relatively high pork prices are likely constraining growth in exports. Forecasts for pork exports for 2011 are unchanged. Poultry forecasts for 2011 are unchanged. The cattle price forecasts for 2010 and 2011 are raised to reflect continued strong demand for cattle. Hog prices for 2010 and 2011 are forecast lower than last month as pork supplies are large. The broiler price forecast is lowered on larger supplies. Egg prices for 2010 and 2011 are forecast higher.

Forecast milk production for 2010 and 2011 is little changed last month. Fat-basis imports for 2010 are lowered primarily due to lower imports of cheese but skim-solids imports are unchanged due to higher imports of expected imports of other products. Fat basis exports for 2010 are raised as sales of cheese and fluid milk and cream are strong and skim-solids exports are boosted by strong sales of cheese and nonfat dry milk (NDM). Exports for 2011 are forecast higher due to expected growth in butter and nonfat dry milk sales. Ending stocks for 2010 are raised to reflect higher-than expected stocks of cheese.

Source: World Agricultural Outlook Board, USDA, WASDE-489 - December 10, 2010

DOMESTIC WHEAT SITUATION

All-wheat 2010 production is estimated at 2,208 million bushels, down 16 million bushels from October and down 10 million bushels from 2009. All-wheat harvested area is estimated at 47.6 million acres, down only 20,000 acres from October, but 2.3 million acres lower than last year. The U.S. all-wheat estimated yield is 46.4 bushels per acre, down 0.3 bushels from October, but up 1.9 bushels from 2009. The 2010 yield is up 1.5 bushels per acre from the previous record high of 44.9 bushels in 2008. The *Crop Progress Report* released November 8, 2010, reported that 45 percent of the winter wheat is rated good to excellent and 17 percent is rated poor to very poor. A year ago at this time 63 percent of the crop was rated good to excellent and 7 percent was rated poor to very poor.

Source: Wheat Outlook, Economic Research Service, USDA - November 12, 2010

OCTOBER EGG OUTPUT UP 5 PERCENT IN STATE

Minnesota layers produced 251 million eggs during October 2010, versus 238 million in October 2009, an increase of 5 percent. Laying flocks in the U.S. produced 7.7 billion eggs in October, nearly equal to a year ago.

POULTRY STATS - OCTOBER

		<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Total Eggs	MN	238 Mil.	251 Mil.
Produced	U.S.	7,696 Mil.	7,675 Mil.
Number of	MN	10.3 Mil.	10.6 Mil.
Layers	U.S.	335.8 Mil.	335.8 Mil.
Eggs per	MN	2,310	2,379
100 Layers	U.S.	2,292	2,285
CHICKENS:			
Hatched (Oct)			
Egg-Type	U.S.	37.6 Mil.	41.3 Mil.
Broiler-Type	U.S.	730.7 Mil.	767.0 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators			
(November 1)			
Egg-Type	WNC*	7.5 Mil.	8.8 Mil.
	U.S.	34.5 Mil.	38.6 Mil.
Broiler-Type	WNC*	25.0 Mil.	27.2 Mil.
	U.S.	579.4 Mil.	618.1 Mil.
TURKEYS:			
Hatched (Oct)			
	WNC*	9.7 Mil.	9.6 Mil.
	U.S.	22.0 Mil.	22.1 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators			
(November 1)			
	WNC*	10.9 Mil.	11.7 Mil.
	U.S.	26.0 Mil.	28.3 Mil.

*West North Central Region (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North & South Dakota, Minnesota.)

NOVEMBER MILK OUTPUT DOWN 1.5 PERCENT IN MINNESOTA

Totaling 714 million pounds, the state's November milk production was down 1.5 percent from November 2009.

Output per cow was 1,520 pounds in November, down 25 pounds from last November. Milk cows for November averaged 470,000 head, the same as October, but 1,000 more than a year ago.

November 2010 milk output in the 23 major states was 14.4 billion pounds, up 3.1 percent from November 2009. Milk cows in the 23 states averaged 8.37 million head, up 57,000 from the previous year. At 1,722 pounds, production per cow was 41 pounds greater than November 2009.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2010 MILK STATS

State	Milk Production		Percent of Previous Year	
	Oct	Nov	Oct	Nov
	<u>Million Lbs.</u>		<u>Percent</u>	
California	3,341	3,273	104.2	104.5
Idaho	1,104	1,052	108.1	107.2
Minnesota	731	714	98.7	98.5
New York	1,054	1,026	104.7	104.6
Pennsylvania	887	866	102.9	103.2
Wisconsin	2,124	2,062	100.8	100.5
23 States	14,784	14,411	103.3	103.1

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